

**Priority question for written answer P-003743/2023/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Book and claim mechanism for sustainable aviation fuels in Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 (RefuelEU Aviation)

Article 15(2) of the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 requires the Commission to assess, by 1 July 2024, possible improvements to the sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) flexibility mechanism to further facilitate the supply and uptake of SAF for aviation during the flexibility period, such as book and claim for aircraft operators or fuel suppliers, or for both.

In an article published by the sustainability consultancy, Guidehouse, it was stated that ‘the continued availability of book-and-claim procurement for SAF could prove vital to United’s and other airlines’ abilities to decarbonize their fleets in coming years’<sup>1</sup>. The airline industry and many fuel suppliers share the same assessment.

Book and claim is already technically feasible without risk of double-counting SAF, including via existing blockchain solutions.

1. Can the Commission confirm that book and claim is high on the agenda and that concrete progress has been made so as to deliver the assessment by 1 July 2024 at the latest?
2. Have any workshops or working sessions been planned for the near future on how to improve the SAF flexibility mechanism with book and claim for fuel suppliers and operators? We believe that Parliament should participate in this workstream and be involved in the reflection on this critical issue.
3. Is the Commission planning to invite Parliament to any workshops or meetings planned around these topics?

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<sup>1</sup> Case Study: SAF Use in the Aviation Sector and the Role of RNG, published on 24 October 2023. Guidehouse is the consultant hired by the Commission to support its assessment of possible improvements to the SAF flexibility mechanism, and book and claim more specifically.